

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 8, 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 8 (canceled)

9. (previously presented) A bill deposit/withdrawal machine for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills, comprising:

a deposit/withdrawal port for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills;

a bill discriminating unit for discriminating bills;

a temporary storage box for temporarily storing bills;

a reject box for storing rejected bills; and

a plurality of bill accepting boxes for accepting recycle bills;

wherein said reject box is disposed on a path diverged from a bill transport path connecting said bill discriminating unit and said temporary storage box;

wherein, when a bill deposited from said deposit/withdrawal port is discriminated as a bill to be rejected by said bill discriminating unit, said bill to be rejected is temporarily stored in said temporary storage box and then transported to said reject box.

10. (previously presented) A bill deposit/withdrawal machine for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills, comprising:

a deposit/withdrawal port for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills;  
a bill discriminating unit for discriminating bills;  
a temporary storage box for temporarily storing bills;  
a reject box for storing rejected bills; and  
a plurality of bill accepting boxes for accepting recycle bills;  
wherein said reject box is disposed on a path diverged from a bill transport path connecting said bill discriminating unit and said temporary storage box,  
further comprising an upper bill mechanism disposed in an upper portion of said bill deposit/withdrawal machine, said upper bill mechanism including said deposit/withdrawal port, said bill discriminating unit and said temporary storage box.

11. (previously presented) A bill deposit/withdrawal machine for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills, comprising:

a deposit/withdrawal port for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills;  
a bill discriminating unit for discriminating bills;  
a temporary storage box for temporarily storing bills;  
a reject box for storing rejected bills; and  
a plurality of bill accepting boxes for accepting recycle bills;  
wherein said reject box is disposed on a path diverged from a bill transport path connecting said bill discriminating unit and said temporary storage box;  
wherein a bill transport path connecting said bill discriminating unit and said temporary storage box is capable of transporting bills in two-ways.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A bill deposit/withdrawal machine for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills, comprising:

a deposit/withdrawal port for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills;

a bill discriminating unit for discriminating bills deposited from said deposit/withdrawal port;

a temporary storage box for temporarily storing bills discriminated by said bill discriminating unit;

a plurality of bill accepting boxes for accepting bills deposited from said deposit/withdrawal port or bills to delivered to said deposit/withdrawal port; and

a reject box for accepting bills not suitable for storing in said plurality of bill accepting boxes;

wherein said reject box is disposed below said temporary storage box;

wherein said reject box accepts bills not suitable for storing in said plurality of bill accepting boxes and delivered from said temporary storage box.

15. (currently amended) A bill deposit/withdrawal machine for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills, comprising:

a deposit/withdrawal port for performing deposit or withdrawal of bills;

a bill discriminating unit for discriminating bills deposited from said deposit/withdrawal port;

a temporary storage box for temporarily storing bills discriminated by said bill discriminating unit;

a plurality of bill accepting boxes for accepting bills deposited from said deposit/withdrawal port or bills to delivered to said deposit/withdrawal port; and

a reject box for accepting bills not suitable for storing in said plurality of bill accepting boxes;

wherein said reject box is disposed below said temporary storage box;

further comprising an upper bill mechanism disposed in an upper portion of said bill deposit/withdrawal machine, said upper bill mechanism including said deposit/withdrawal port, said bill discriminating unit and said temporary storage box.